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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JANUARY 22, 2001

APPLICATION OF

VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.

CASE NO. PUC010006

For Exemption from Physical
Collocation at its Mason Cove
and Hartwood Central Offices

PRELIMINARY ORDER

On January 4, 2001, Verizon Virginia Inc. ("Verizon Virginia") filed with the State Corporation ("Commission") a request for exemption (hereinafter "Application") from the requirement to provide physical collocation in its Mason Cove and Hartwood central offices. In its Application, Verizon Virginia states that the information provided to support each request fulfills the requirements set out in the Commission's Rules Governing Physical Collocation Exemptions, 20 VAC 5-400-200.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered these requests, is of the opinion and finds that interested parties should have the opportunity to file comments on Verizon Virginia's requests; that the Commission's Staff should investigate the requests for exemption and file a report; and that Verizon Virginia should

have an opportunity to file its response to all comments and the Staff Report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) On or before February 19, 2001, interested parties may file comments in response to Verizon Virginia's exemption requests for its Mason Cove and Hartwood central offices.

(2) The Commission Staff shall investigate Verizon Virginia's exemption requests and file a report on or before March 19, 2001.

(3) Verizon Virginia is granted leave to file its response to all comments and Staff's Report on or before April 2, 2001.

(4) Verizon Virginia shall respond to interrogatories and data requests within ten (10) days of service. Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part VI of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.